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(A) IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Charles Milton Schmeichel

(B) Filed: Herewith

For: Tonneau Cover Tension Apparatus



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Attached hereto is Form PTO-1449 listing documents believed relevant to the subject application. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the examiner and an initialed copy of each form be returned to the undersigned.

(c) This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists.

(D) It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

(E) A copy of each document is enclosed.

(F) These documents are not necessarily analogous art.

(G) The relevance of each document will now be discussed.

(H) The Lamb patent number 4,144,669 generally discloses an adjustable stretching frame.

(I) The Nett patent number 4,761,866 generally discloses a pickup bed tonneau cover mounting.

(J) The Nett patent number 4,838,602 generally discloses a pickup bed tonneau cover mounting.

(K) The Swanson patent number 4,923,240 generally discloses an apparatus for releasably securing a cover to a structure.

(L) The Wheatley et al., patent number 5,058,652 generally discloses a flexible tonneau cover for over the cargo area of a vehicle, specifically pickup trucks.

(M) The Rosson patent number 5,113,611 generally discloses a tensioning apparatus for stretching screen fabric or the like, with expandable devices.

(N) The Isler et al., patent number 5,511,843 generally discloses a slant rail tonneau cover.

(O) The Flentge patent number 5,526,866 generally discloses a tonneau cover fastening system.

(P) The Downey patent number 5,522,635 generally discloses a tonneau cover and frame for pickup trucks.

(Q) The Kersting et al., patent number 5,540,475 generally discloses a tonneau cover assemble clamping assembly.

(R) The Thoman et al., patent number 5,595,417 generally discloses a tonneau cover for a pickup truck.

(S) The Wheatley et al., patent number 5,636,893 generally discloses a folding hard panel tonneau cover with rail

attachment.

(T) The Steffens et al., patent number 5,653,491 generally discloses a folding cargo bay cover for pickup trucks.

(U) The Bennett patent number 5,688,017 generally discloses a method and apparatus for mounting framed tonneau cover.

Respectfully submitted,



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